

REMARKS

Claims 14-23 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-13 have been canceled without prejudice. The amendments made to the claims have not been made to define over the prior art. Rather, the amendments to the claims have been made to place the application in condition for allowance. In light of the amendments and remarks set forth below, Applicant respectfully submits that each of the pending claims is in immediate condition for allowance.

Claims 1-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by various references. In light of Applicant's canceling claims 1-13, these rejections are moot. As such, Applicant respectfully requests a notice of allowance for the new claims 14-23 added by this amendment.

Applicant has responded to all of the rejections and objections recited in the Office Action. Reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance for all of the pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

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If the Examiner believes an interview would be of assistance, the Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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